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BASIC FEE		
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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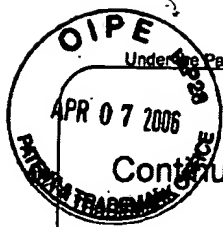
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**Request
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Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/976,538
Filing Date	10/12/2001
First Named Inventor	Michael P. McLeod
Art Unit	3766
Examiner Name	Oropeza, Frances P.
Attorney Docket Number	7504-80241

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on March 2, 2006
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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